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Comments by the Republic of Costa Rica
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Thank you, Madam. Chair, for giving me the floor. Good afternoon Excellencies and colleagues,

The delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica thanks the Secretariat for preparing the background document on the Commemoration of UNEP@50, which is an opportunity to strengthen UNEP by positioning the organization at the forefront of a global multilateral environmental system.

Our delegation also adheres to the statement of GRULAC delivered by the distinguished delegation of Brazil in their capacity of Chair.

In this regard, on the Draft political declaration for a United Nations high-level meeting, in the context of the commemoration of the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme, the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica wishes to strengthen the expression: "*Believing that everyone should have the right to a healthy and sustainable environment*" by adding a reference to resolution A/HRC/48/L23 on the human right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, adopted by the Human Rights Council recognising the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment and encouraging States to adopt policies for the enjoyment of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment as appropriate, including with respect to biodiversity and ecosystems.

Costa Rica considers this an essential opportunity to reinforce the international communities' strong commitment to guaranteeing human rights and protecting ecosystems as an indispensable way to sustain all life on Earth. This is also an opportunity to work in synergy with other UN programs and agencies.

The delegation of Costa Rica strongly believes that conservation and improvement of ecosystems as natural heritage are the basis for sustainable development and eradicating poverty.

Thank you, Madam Chair.